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DIARY NOTES

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29 April 1965

1. Howard Osborn called me last evening to recommend that we send a Security Officer [REDACTED] to assist our dependents who are being evacuated from [REDACTED]. I approved. However, later both Howard and [REDACTED] advised me that [REDACTED] thought this was unnecessary.

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2. I asked [REDACTED] to invite Major General David P. Gibbs, Chief of Communications-Electronics, Department of the Army, to come over to brief us on his recent field trip.

3. Pat Coyne telephoned to say that Mr. Kirkpatrick had forwarded him my memorandum concerning his son's interest in summer employment with the Agency. He wanted me to know that he thought all the points I had made were valid and that he accepted them.

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4. [REDACTED] is preparing a Memorandum To All Employees from Mr. McCone using the substance of Mr. McCone's remarks at the awards ceremony for General Carter. Mr. McCone also requested that Admiral Raborn address a Memorandum To All Employees using some of the remarks made by the President when he presented the National Security Medal to Mr. McCone and at the swearing-in ceremony. I told Walt that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, no notes were taken or recordings made at the President's informal party when the National Security Medal was presented. (I asked [REDACTED] to send a transcript of the swearing-in ceremony to Walt and Mr. Kirkpatrick.)

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5. I talked with Bill Schmidt, Acting Commissioner of the Public Buildings Service, about Senator John J. Williams' request for more information on [REDACTED]. Bill agreed that it would be appropriate for us to tell Senator Williams that we have no objection to the General Services Administration's furnishing the information he requested. Bill said he would review the Senator's letter of 18 March 1964 and [REDACTED] reply of 27 April 1964 and then would probably contact me again.*

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6. Larry Houston reported that Senator Saltonstall signed a letter concurring in our proposed early retirement regulation. Subsequently, we were able to obtain Mr. McCone's signature on the regulation as of 27 April. There are now no restrictions whatever on full implementation of the regulation.

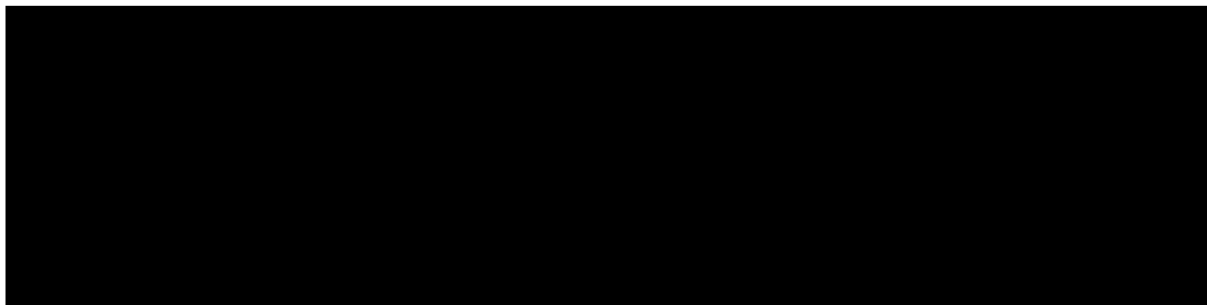
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8. Larry Houston and I spent some time discussing with Dick Helms some of his new responsibilities.

a. Dick wanted to make sure that he understands the background of and reasons for the vouchers he will certify as General Carter did in the past, and at my suggestion he agreed that it would be appropriate for Bob Fuchs to bring the first voucher to him and give him a briefing on his certifying authority. (I told [REDACTED] in Bob Fuch's absence to get ready for this and to let me know when the first voucher will come forward so that I can make an appointment with Dick.)

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b. Dick was interested in what happened to his career status as a result of having accepted this Presidential appointment. (I asked [REDACTED] of the Office of Personnel to produce a paper on this.)

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c. We advised Dick that, since he is a Presidential appointee, he is not subject to the ordinary leave system. No absences are charged to leave, nor does he accrue any leave. This raised the question about the leave he has already accrued. (I asked [REDACTED] of the Office of Personnel to produce a paper on this also. However, I understand that he will forfeit his accrued leave unless some day he reverts to some status other than that of a Presidential appointee.)

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d. Dick said that he was aware that some of our people become involved with the police on occasion and that some of these cases are serious while others are not. He wanted to know how these cases are handled and what his responsibilities are. I told him that Howard Osborn always reported these incidents to me and that we use our best judgment to decide what action should be taken, including whether the DDCI or DCI should be advised. I told him that there were a surprising number of these cases and that I thought it would be very time-consuming for him to be advised of each one. However, I said that we were certainly willing to do so if he desired. He laid down these ground rules:

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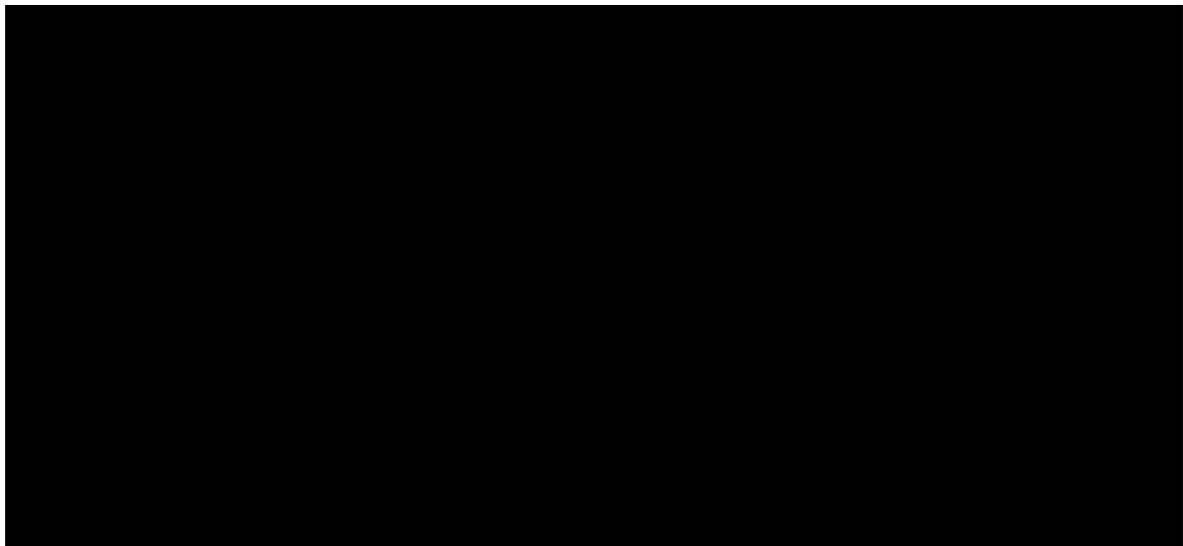
(1) If the Director is to be advised, Dick certainly wants to be advised; (2) Dick does not wish to be involved with all these cases and asked that I continue to use my best judgment in deciding what action should be taken, including whether or not he should be advised; (3) he also wants to make sure that, if action is taken which will eventually involve him, he wants to be advised before it has gone too far; and (4) he does not want the polygraph used on employees in the United States on matters involving the police, etc., without his personal knowledge. (While he did not specifically say so, I think that this rule should apply to staff employees in general whether they are in the United States or overseas.)**

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9. At Mr. Kirkpatrick's request I advised [REDACTED] at the White House that we have requested a ruling from the Comptroller General on whether Admiral Raborn can be paid under the Dual Compensation Act of 1964 instead of under the Central Intelligence Agency Act. I said that, although we anticipate a favorable ruling, we cannot be sure until we receive it. I told Ed that I would advise him as soon as we receive the ruling. In this connection, I spoke to Larry Houston about an article I read within the past few days which said that, for certain rare and hard-to-get personnel, a retired military officer might be able to draw his full civilian pay as well as his full retired military pay. Larry saw the same article and is researching the problem with the Civil Service Commission. It is his opinion that, if we receive a favorable ruling from the Comptroller General, we would then be in a position to go to the Civil Service Commission and request that he be given his full retired military pay.

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11. Admiral Raborn visited the Signal Center in the course of the day or night when he was rather concerned about the [REDACTED] problem and directed that copies of all traffic bearing on this subject be delivered to his office immediately. In addition to throwing the Office of Current Intelligence and DD/I in general into a tailspin, the Signal Center personnel immediately began delivering cables addressed not only to the DCI but also

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12. [REDACTED] came to talk with me again in general terms about some fundamental administrative problems, specifically about [REDACTED].

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b. Then he led into his philosophy that his administrative authority was negligible whereas his operational authority was great. He felt that these two should be brought into balance and that much of the authority now reserved for DD/S or his representative should be delegated to the DD/P and, I presume, more specifically to the Chief of the Area Division.

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as long as they satisfy the certifying officer, who they know does not work for the Division. While I believe this is largely theoretical, and told Jim so, he also argued that he loses a great deal because he does not have an opportunity to talk with these certifying officers before

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they go to the [REDACTED] and after they return. He believed that they learn a great deal about [REDACTED] which would be beneficial to him as a manager.

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d. I told Jim that I thought his first problem was a very fundamental one which I would like to discuss with him further and that any change in the present arrangement would first have to be discussed at some length with responsible officials in the Agency. (It seemed to me that what he argued for would eventually lead to almost a complete delegation of administrative authority to the DD/P with the DD/S having very little to do with DD/P activities.)

e. I said that I would like to talk with Bob Fuchs about the [REDACTED] units before making any final decision. I emphasized that I felt quite strongly that moving these units back to Headquarters would increase the burden on [REDACTED] which we have been trying for years to alleviate. It was clear to me that Jim was more interested in maintaining strong, personal managerial control than in relieving the work burden on [REDACTED]. In any case, I want to follow this up with Bob Fuchs promptly.

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13. Larry Houston and I spent some time discussing with Dick Helms some of his new responsibilities.

a. Dick was interested in the legality of after-hours and other semipersonal use of the official vehicle. We explained to him that, although not specifically authorized by law, we had established orally and informally with the Comptroller General that the Director and Deputy Director could use their cars after hours and for semiofficial (or semipersonal) business without fear of any criticism. We reviewed the precedents which were established by Messrs. Dulles and McCone and Generals Cabell and Carter. Dick indicated that, initially at least, he intends to be very conservative in this regard and to use his car after normal working hours only when he is attending an official function of some kind. Furthermore, at least for the present, he does not plan to use his official car to drive to and from work. This led to a discussion of the four other Deputies' transportation. I told him that the Deputies had been specifically instructed that, in general, it was contrary to law for them to use their official cars to drive to and from work. However, on occasion they all use an official car to get to and from work. I assured Dick that I believed the spirit of the policy was not being violated and that the situation was well in hand. It was definite

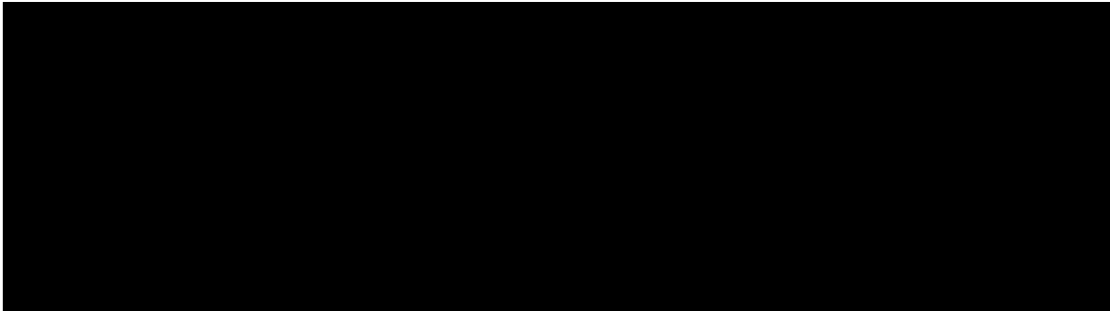
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that he felt we should stay on the conservative side in this matter and that official cars should not be used for after-hours functions unless they were official and usually involved foreigners in some way. In this connection, it was interesting to me--and Dick had noticed it also--that Dick was about the only CIA official who used his personal car to go to the party for Mr. McCone at the White House on Tuesday, 27 April; everyone else used a chauffeur-driven Agency car.



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